

5. (Amended) A method for accessing a selected one of a plurality of pre-stored reference identifiers, each pre-stored reference identifier being associated with at least one data element, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) generating a plurality of selection identifiers;
- b) determining those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any one of the selection identifiers;
- c) creating a data element subset comprising at least one data element associated with those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any of the selection identifiers; and
- d) selecting one of the pre-stored reference identifiers that matches any of the selection identifiers on the basis of the at least one data element associated with the selected pre-stored reference identifier.

12. (Amended) An apparatus for deriving a dynamic grammar from a set of pre-stored reference identifiers, comprising:

- a) means for generating a plurality of selection identifiers;
- b) means for comparing the plurality of selection identifiers with the set of pre-stored reference identifiers to determine which selection identifiers are present in the set of pre-stored reference identifiers; and
- c) means for deriving the dynamic grammar by selecting the dynamic grammar as comprising data elements that are associated with those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any one of the selection identifiers.

16. (Amended) An apparatus for accessing a selected one of a plurality of pre-stored reference identifiers, each pre-stored reference identifier being associated with at least one data element, the apparatus comprising:

- a) means for generating a plurality of selection identifiers;
- b) means for determining those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any one of the selection identifiers;
- c) means for creating a data element subset comprising at least one data element associated with those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any of the selection identifiers; and

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d) means for selecting one of the pre-stored reference identifiers that matches any of the selection identifiers on the basis of the at least one data element associated with the selected pre-stored reference identifier.

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21. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the means for selecting comprises:

- i) means for providing a criterion; and
 - ii) second means for determining which pre-stored reference identifier is associated with a data element that has a predetermined relationship with respect to the received criterion.
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23. (Amended) An apparatus for transferring a subset of data elements selected from a global set of data items from a first memory to a second memory, each data item of the global set being associated with a pre-stored reference identifier, the apparatus comprising:

- a processing device coupled to the first memory and to the second memory; and
- a pre-stored reference identifier selection module coupled to the processing device, wherein the pre-stored reference identifier selection module includes means for causing the processing device to select, in accordance with a predetermined criterion, which data elements are to be present in the subset of data elements, and wherein the processing device includes means for transferring the subset of data elements from the first memory to the second memory.

24. (Amended) An apparatus for responding to at least one vocal input from a user, comprising:

- a speech recognizing device for producing a predetermined identifier in response to the vocal input;

- a processing device having an input for receiving the predetermined identifier from an output of the speech recognizer;

- at least one memory coupled to the processing device and including at least one pre-stored reference identifier having a predetermined relationship to the predetermined identifier; and

- means for providing the user with access to the pre-stored reference identifier having the predetermined relationship to the predetermined identifier.
